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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PARM, TECH, IR, US  
SUBJ: NUCLEAR MATTERS

REF: (A) STATE 083958, (B) TEHRAN 03074

1. DCM AND ACTING SCIENCE ATTACHE DISCUSSED WITH AEOI MANZOUR IMPENDING SHIFT OF SOME CURRENT AEOI RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND WHAT WOULD CONTINUE TO BE THE PRESERVE OF THE AEOI. AS MANZOUR EXPLAINED IT, LAST SUMMER'S ENERGY CRISIS GRAPHICALLY DEMONSTRATED SHORTCOMINGS IN COORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT OF IRAN'S ENERGY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. PROPOSED CHANGES ARE INTENDED TO RECTIFY THESE SHORTCOMINGS. SPECIFICALLY, MINISTRY OF ENERGY WILL BE TAKING ON THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BUILDING AND OPERATING NUCLEAR ENERGY PLANTS AND INSURING THAT THEY ARE FULLY INTEGRATED WITH OTHER NATIONAL ENERGY FACILITIES. IT HAS YET TO BE DETERMINED, HOWEVER, WHEN THIS TRANSFER WILL OCCUR, BUT IT WILL PROBABLY BE OVER A PHASED PERIOD DETERMINED BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE ABILITY OF MINISTRY OF ENERGY TO RECRUIT AND TRAIN MANPOWER FOR THIS PURPOSE. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER AS THIS MATTER EVOLVES.

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WM MANZOUR ASSURED US THAT THIS PROPOSED TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY WOULD IN NO WAY LESSEN OR INFLUENCE THE MANY OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES THE AEOI WILL CONTINUE TO BE CHARGED WITH. SPECIFICALLY THIS INCLUDED THE NEGOTIATION OF THE US-IRAN BILATERAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT. IN THIS CONNECTION, MANZOUR SPECULATED THAT THE US-IRAN BILATERAL WILL PROBABLY BE THE LAST TO

BENEGOTIATED, IRAN HAVING ALREADY REACHED BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TWO OTHER MAJOR NUCLEAR VENDORS--GERMANY AND FRANCE--WHO HAVE THE KIND OF TECHNOLOGY IRAN IS MOST INTERESTED IN. MANZOUR SAID THAT HE WAS AWAITING EAGERLY WORD FROM US AS TO THE OUTCOME OF WASHINGTON'S CONSIDERATION OF WHAT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED BETWEEN US IN VIENNA. ON HIS PART HE HAD UNDERTAKEN TO REVIEW MATTER WITH APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES HERE. IT WAS HIS BELIEF THAT PROVIDED--AND HE EMPHASIZED PROVIDED--WE INCLUDED THE VITALLY IMPORTANT MOST FAVORED NATION CLAUSE IN OUR PROPOSAL WE COULD PROBABLY WRAP UP FINAL AGREEMENT IN ONE-HALF DAY OF FINAL NEGOTIATION.

3. URGE THAT DEPT PRESS ON WITH THE CLEARANCES AND DESPATCH TO US OF ANY FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS. WE ARE STILL DEALING WITH THE SAME PLAYERS AND ATTITUDES THAT WE HAVE HAD ALL ALONG INsofar AS OUR BILATERAL IS CONCERNED.  
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